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TITLE: **PLUG BYPASS VALVES AND
HEAT EXCHANGERS**

APPLICANT: Pineo et al

The Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98 and in recognition of the duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant hereby submits the following information disclosure statement consisting of:

- (1) a form PTO-1449 providing a list of the prior art patents considered to be pertinent,
- (2) a concise explanation of the relevance of each listed item not in the English language, and
- (3) copies of patents and publications listed.

Respectfully submitted,

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(2) Explanation of Relevance

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Relevance</u>
91079637	Japan	An external heat exchanger inlet and outlet fitting with a built in valve for bypass flow between the inlet and the outlet.